

ORDINANCE NO. 17-67

By: Bell

To establish a Motion Picture Review Board.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. There is created a Motion Picture Review Board, which shall consist of nine (9) members, who shall be residents of the City. Three (3) members of the Board are to be appointed annually by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, for a term of three (3) years to commence the first day of July. For initial appointments, three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year, three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years, and three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Any member of the Board may be removed by the Mayor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office in a manner provided for by law for the removal of other public officers. Any vacancy in the office of members of the Board which occurs for any reason, shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term, as provided for in this section. Selection of the Chairman of the Board shall be made by the members of the Board annually; and the Chairman shall not succeed himself.

Section 2. The Board of Motion Picture Review may view or examine any motion picture film publicly exhibited or displayed in this City, at the theatre in which such exhibition is taking place, during the normal operating hours of such theatre, and upon payment of not more than the regular admission charge, which charge may be waived by the exhibitor.

Section 3. If, in the opinion of the Board, any motion picture is in violation of the laws of the State of Ohio or the provisions of the Code of this City, such opinion, together with the specific reasons therefor, shall be certified to the Chief of Police of this City for further proceedings in conformity to law. If the Chief of Police fails or refuses to act, the Chairman of the Board shall have the authority to initiate further proceedings in conformity to law, including but not limited to the authority to file an affidavit charging a violation of the law.

Section 4. Any motion picture film shall be deemed examined

when five (5) members of the Board of Review have examined the film and a majority thereof have agreed. Should a majority of these five (5) fail to agree, then the film shall be presented to the entire Board for examination.

Section 5. No person, firm, or corporation shall fail or refuse to comply with the written request by the Board of Motion Picture Review to examine any film in their possession.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: April 25, 1967.

J. Rath Leabro  
President of Council

Attest:

A. G. Prescott  
Clerk of Council

Approved: 4/25 1967

J. H. Schneider  
MAYOR

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